THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS

TWO of the new D.H. Gipsy Major Series II engines are being installed in a D.H. Dragonfly.

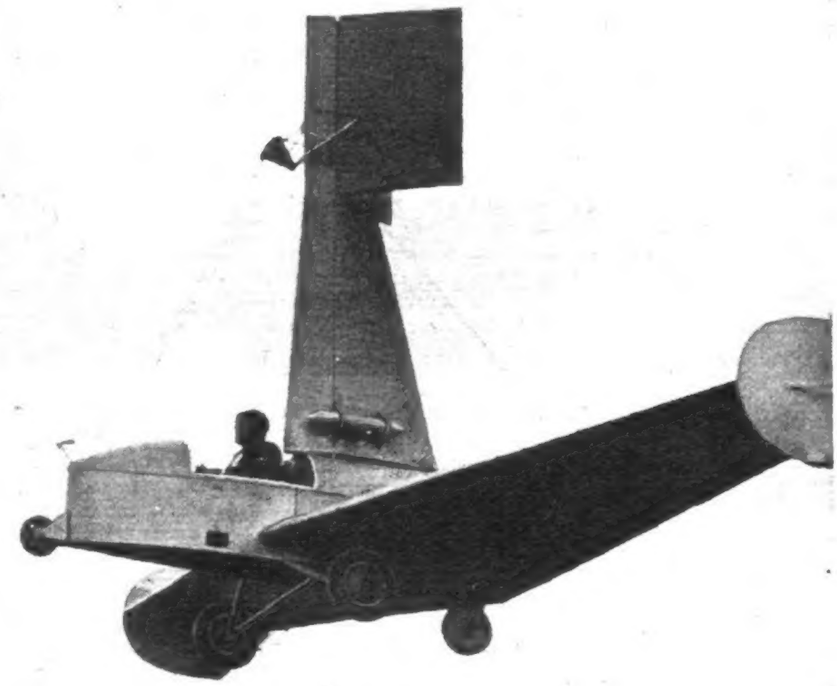
Machines of the U.S.A. Army Air Corps have been dropping "bombs" containing tree seeds on Hawaiian hillsides.

That only four of the seven Heyfords that participated in the ill-fated Aldergrove-Finningley flight were fitted with radio was stated at last Tuesday's inquest on the three victims.

According to our Australian contemporary *Aircraft*, the R.A.A.F. will be fortunate if it gets any of its Bristol Blenheims before next Christmas.

The North American O-47 observation monoplane (designed for similar work to our army co-operation machines) has a "belly" beneath the mid-wing containing transparent panels for the observer.

A series of three lectures on Cosmic Rays will be given by Professor P. M. S. Blackett, M.A., F.R.S., on Monday evenings, January 18 and 25, and February 1, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary of the Society.



TAILS UP!

Successful performance has now been achieved at Toussus le Noble, France, with this startling aircraft, which was illustrated in *Flight* a year ago. It is the brain-child of M. Charles de Rouge.

Flight regrets to record the death of Baron Henry d'Erlanger in an attempted forced landing in Italy.

Mr. David Llewellyn hopes to start his England-Cape-and-return flight any time now and to accomplish it in four days.

CALSHOT REMINISCENCE:

The late Lady Houston being received by Sqn.-Ldr. (now Wing Commander) Orlebar at Calshot in 1931, when she visited the Schneider Trophy team. A note on her support of the Race appears on page 12.

A seaplane version of the Heinkel He.51 single-seater fighter (750 h.p. B.M.W.) is in service with the German Air Force.

The date of the Brussels First International Aircraft Exhibition has now been definitely fixed as May 26-June 6, 1937. The organisers have appointed a British agent, from whom any required information is available. He is Mr. A. Thomson, 9, Albemarle Street, London, W.1. (Telephone: Regent 4147.)

Mr. F. Crocombe, chief designer of General Aircraft, Ltd., and Mr. L. Davies, ground engineer, the two members of the company's staff who were in the ill-fated Monospar Croydon which was stranded on Seringapatam Reef on its return journey from Australia, have been presented with inscribed silver cigarette cases by the directors of the company in appreciation of the gallant efforts they made in very difficult circumstances.

Twenty-five Years Ago

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"The painstaking but very energetic research that progresses at the Army Aircraft Factory, under the superintendence of Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, has resulted in another experimental aeroplane taking the air. The machine—from what we are allowed to see of it at the polite distance of a spectator among the casual public that frequents the Plain on the 'off-chance'—is a large biplane with an absolutely silent engine."